



**Regular meeting minutes of the
Council on Aging Board**

Date: 3/13/2019

Place: Senior Center

Room: B07

75 Groton Road, No. Chelmsford, MA 01824

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Members present: Fred Brusseau, Alan Fidler (by phone), Steve Flynn (by phone), Mary Gibson, Jennifer Hardy, Ruth I'Anson, Louise Myers, Ami O'Grady, Len Olenchak, Debra Siriani, Anne Smith, Dianne Sperry.

Members absent: Paul Der Ananian, Bob Hamilton

Guests Present: Diane Boisvert, applicant for associate member of COA.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Minutes of the February meeting were approved.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Atty Gen William Barr is cracking down on senior fraud.
- Beacon Hill is deciding which bills they will work on in the current legislative year.
- Boston Elder Affairs Commission has been renamed Boston Age-Strong Commission.

FRIENDS' REPORT

- Friends' raised almost \$2800 between their calendar raffle and a 50-50 raffle at Chowder Fest.
- The next fundraiser is the Spaghetti Supper on April 24.
- The Friends' organization is having trouble recruiting new members or having people step up to run for office. On the other hand, the Ways and Means committee is rowing.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Director Debi Siriani has requested a meeting with Elder Services to talk about their contract as we move forward. Their current funding of the lunch program is \$1.10 per meal, and that funding has not been increased for 6 ½ years. They will also be discussing the reimbursement level for the social day program, which is currently \$32/day.

- Staffing: One of the newly hired substitute bus drivers resigned after deciding to move a distance away.
- Budget is on track.
- Monthly televised talks directed at seniors have been planned. First one was on emergency preparedness.
- Volunteer Fair was postponed to March 23 because of the weather.
- The building inspector has approved the installation of an electronic sign.

NOTES FROM THE CHAIRMAN

- The resignation of Nickie Bischoff created an opening on the board. Both Jennifer Hardy and Ami O'Grady have applied for the position. A vote will take place at the April meeting.
- At the June meeting, we will be re-electing officers and re-nominating members whose terms have expired. In addition, we will be approving the updated Perspectives document. Members are asked to make a special effort to attend this meeting (scheduled for June 12).

NEXT MEETING: WED., APRIL 10, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Ruth I'Anson, Recording Secretary